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## NOT VOTING-10

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#### □ 1852

Ms. ADAMS changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT INFOR-MATION DATABASE ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 300) to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of settlement agreements, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the veas and navs were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—veas 425, navs 0. not voting 9, as follows:

### [Roll No. 33] YEAS-425

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#### NOT VOTING-9

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## □ 1904

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform you that I was unable to attend today's legislative session. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 32 and "yea" on rollcall No. 33.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALFORD). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

# REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 25

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 25.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is accepted.

# REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 106.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentle-woman from Iowa (Mrs. HINSON) as cosponsor of H.R. 106. She was inadvertently added through a clerical error and did not intend to cosponsor the legislation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

# REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF CECIL ABARR

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of

Cecil Abarr, a beloved member of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, who recently passed away at the age of 93.

Cecil was born in Iowa in 1929, and upon his graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II. After his service, he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal.

Cecil was also a leader in the private sector, locating to Savannah to become the president of the Branigar Corporation. In this position, he led the development of large real estate projects, which have now been flourishing for decades.

Despite all titles and awards he received throughout his life, he is best known as a husband to his wife, Lou, a father to his five children, a grandfather to 16, and great-grandfather to 21

I pass on my sincerest condolences to his family and friends. He will be dearly missed

### SMOKING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss smoking in the House of Representatives.

In yet another self-serving move, the Republicans have allowed smoking in House offices. It violates local and Federal law and threatens public health.

In the last few decades, secondhand smoke has killed more than 2.5 million Americans. It causes heart disease, lung cancer, and strokes, and it is extremely dangerous to children.

Local and Federal laws ban smoking in public and Federal buildings, and many studies have shown that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

It is a life-threatening decision that proves Republicans do not care about the health and safety of Americans. They write the laws but don't follow them.

## □ 1915

### SCHOOL CHOICE CHARTER SCHOOL

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)  $\,$ 

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the benefits of school choice cannot be overstated. On average, students participating in school choice programs perform better academically and see higher college admission rates.

These factors make school choice a no-brainer, and charter schools serve as a foundational cornerstone of the educational freedom school choice delivers. Yet, even as many traditional government-run schools do not meet the needs of students, President Biden is erecting unreasonable barriers for

new charter schools and arbitrary funding restrictions. This is an abject attempt to expand teachers unions' monopoly over K-12 education.

A great education is a gateway to success, but Democrats are working hard to lock that gate and hide the key. Students deserve the opportunity to find a learning environment that suits them. That begins by ending Democrats' anticharter school crusade.

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LT. COL. HAROLD BROWN

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the valorous life of Lieutenant Colonel Harold Brown of Catawba Island, Ohio, who recently took his final flight to the heavens.

Since sixth grade, Harold's dream was to be a pilot. By the age of 19, he made that dream a reality as a Tuskegee Airman.

Harold served as an exemplary officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps, completing dozens of combat missions during World War II. Once while on a mission, his plane was shot down, and Harold was taken as a prisoner of war.

This experience did not deter his service to our country. Harold served again during the brutal Korean War. Truly, he embodied the spirit of his Spit Fire legendary airmen.

Harold's devotion to his country extended beyond the battlefield. He worked to desegregate the military. He worked as a teacher to inspire new generations of students. His life was dedicated to service beyond self.

Today, America honors Harold for his service. We remember what an impact his life had, and our prayers are with his loved ones.

Truly, one human being can change the direction of the world for the better, and Harold Brown did that.

# RECOGNIZING NATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Religious Freedom Day, which was celebrated last week on January 16.

Religious Freedom Day commemorates the Virginia General Assembly's adoption of Thomas Jefferson's landmark Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom on January 16, 1786. The statute became the basis for the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and led to freedom of religion for all Americans.

We are blessed to live in a country where a person is able to practice whatever religion they so choose without fear of persecution from government.